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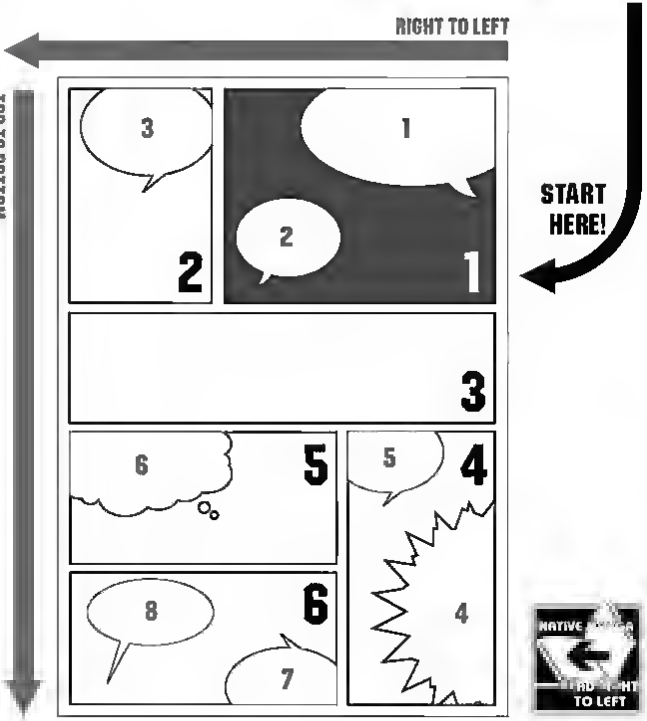

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CRAP!
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DASH!
DASH!
DASH!
DASH!
The Rule of Standing on Tiptoe
...ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEMESTER.
You're so busy, I didn't even notice you were serious.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR
Why aren't there any boys with swords?
LIKE A NEW FEMALE STUDENT EATING A PIECE OF BREAD
Hey!
Cock
IF I HAVE TO RUSH TO SCHOOL, I WISH I'D AT LEAST BUMP INTO SOME ONE GOOD ON THE FIRST DAY...
DAMN IT!
I HAVE THREE MINUTES TO GET TO SCHOOL. OR I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP
PANTY SHOT!! PANTY SHOT!!

WAAAAAAA
ばッ
BAM
ん
I THOUGHT THIS KIND OF THING ONLY HAPPENS IN MANGA ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Panty Shot
THIS IS NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
OH!

FLUTTER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PUT ME DOWN!
HUH
CLENCH
YOU...
AH!
WHOA
JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE BIGGER THAN ME...
FLUTTER
FWIP
ひょい
?!
CAN YOU GET UP?
!
CLENCH
AH!

Later!
WELL, I'M IN A HURRY
HUH? WAIT!
WAH! WHERE DID MY SUNGLASSES GO?
Yes, here!
WHAT? OH.
HERE.
I hope they're not broken.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, TOO.
THANKS!
AH!
BLUE EYES!

GIVE ME A RIDE!!
VAA
HEY!
YOU!
GIVE
AHAH!
Two months left!
LATER

...MY HAIR WILL GET FRIZZY
IF THEY DON'T TURN THE A/C ON SOON...
WHISTLE
Morning
It's been a while
HAH!
YEAH, IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF THIS HEAT MELTS YOUR BRAIN AWAY
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS PICK ON ME?
MAYBE YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, KAZUYA?
OH, RUKE! I MISSED YOU!
ATTENDANCE CHECK! TAKE YOUR SEAT
NOT AGAIN
I'M HERE!
HERE!
TOO LATE!

COME ON, SENSEI! I TOTALLY MADE IT GIVE ME THAT ATTENDANCE BOOK. I'LL MARK IT FOR YOU.
OKAY. I GOT IT TAKE A SEAT!
Victory!
LET ME INTRO-DUCE A NEW STUDENT
BEFORE WE BEGIN HOME-ROOM..
I'M RAKU HANAZAWA.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
HEY!
HUH?
His eyes are black now
Wow! He's huge!

"AH?"
I SWEAR
HIS EYES WERE BLUE THIS MORNING
After school...
HOW TALL ARE YOU?
ABOUT... 6'1" NOW
YOU HAVE A COOL NAME. HOW DO YOU WRITE IT IN KANJI?
TAKUMA'S FOR "MASTER-ABLE."
HE SAYS 5'11", KOSUKE-CHAN.
SO WHAT? OUR KAZUYA CAN COOK ON TOP OF THAT!
I WIN!
HOW ABOUT A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL, RAKU-KUN?

THIS LITTLE GUY GIVE ME A TOUR.
THANKS, BUT
I'LL HAVE
AUGH!
OH, A TOUR?
RAKU-KUN?
You think you can judge everything by how
You can't judge someone by height
He's right
PUT ME DOWN! HOW YOU'RE KIDNAPPING ME! AND YOU CALLED ME A LITTLE GIRL!
Boo
Boo
WHAT ARE YOUR HANDS?
SO YOUR NAME IS KOSUKE.
He's really funny when you look at him from that angle
So we're sympathetic.
AH FOR "PUBLIC" AND TAKAMORI FOR "HELP."
I WON'T RUN SO LET GO OF MY HAND!

I WAS HERE A FEW TIMES OVER THE SUMMER.
I haven't really been here before.
OH?
...? HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?
It's not such a cool...
I'M NOT LIKE THAT!!
WHERE DID HE GO?
HAN-GWAI, HUH?
THE NEIR AIARY!
Found And Found And...
WHAT ARE WE GOING HERE?
HUH?
FOR THIS.
HIS EYES ARE BLACK.
Oh, you're right.
DIDN'T YOU SCRAPE IT THIS MORNING?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT SO TAKE A SEAT

The smell of confectionery
MY AMERICAN MOTHER
...NAMED ME RAKU...
FROM THE ENGLISH WORD FOR "LUCK."
CLICK
SIT DOWN
WELL
JUST SIT
I'VE NEVER SEEN COLORED CONTACTS BEFORE!
Oguiscchan
OH...
ARE THEY COLORED CONTACTS?
I'M.
...ONLY HALF JAPANESE.

AH!
Wow!
Hm
WHAT?!
YOU'RE WEARING COLORED CONTACTS NOW!
Half-
YOU THOUGHT MY BLUE EYES WERE CONTACTS?
Duh?
NOPE.
MOST PEOPLE WOULD.
How do they look through there?
How much were they?
SO I COULD HAVE TOLD EVERYONE I WAS WEARING CONTACTS.
UH, I GUESS HE'S RIGHT
How cool!
Wow!
I'm HUNGRY
Eh-
CHILL OUT!
EEEK!
LET ME SEE THEM! COME ON, JUST FOR A BIT! I'LL RETURN THEM RIGHT AWAY!

Thump
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
...
Will he look like a cat with real contacts?
WAH, I'M BEING MOLEST-ED!
WHAT?! HEY!
WAIT UP!
Let's go back to class.
NEVER MIND!
OH, RIGHT
BUT WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOU WEARING BLACK CONTACTS?
DON'T TELL ANYONE...
...THAT I'M HALF JAPANESE!

BUT I'M NOT CHRISTIAN AND I CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH
Speak Japanese, please!
Huh?!
Where's the Prom?
I MAY NOT LOOK JAPANESE
I'M PART JAPANESE BUT I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN JAPAN
I NEVER GOT BULLIED, BUT I FELT LIKE THE ODD MAN OUT
But I'm a Japanese citizen.
My parents won't let me marry a non-Japanese person.
AND EVERYTHING DOESN'T LOOK BLUE WITH THESE EYES.
Don't tell nee-Ham!
SO DON'T TELL ANYONE
OKAY HAM-CHAN!
I put on my contacts at school
I dyed my blond hair black
I'LL BECOME JAPANESE IN MY NEW SCHOOL!
It isn't easy being a super hero. They're concerned about our health, too.
Doc. Fever
I MEAN WHY ARE YOU SO SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT THIS?
YOU FOUND OUT MY SECRET ON MY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
I can't believe we're on the same space.

YOU'LL GET CAUGHT IN A LIE RIGHT AWAY
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE HALF JAPANESE.
WELL ..
THAT'S TRUE.
BUT CAN YOU SAY YOU DON'T WEAR PLATFORM BOOTS FOR HEIGHT?
WHAT? YOU MORON!
Hmm...
How stupid
I KNOW BUT...
ANY-WAY
...YOU CAN'T CHANGE WHAT MOTHER NATURE GAVE YOU.
FIRST IMPRES-SIONS ARE IMPORTANT

WHAT?
...HOL!? A GRUDGE AGAINST YOUR PARENTS?
DO YOU..
NO WAY!
THEN BE PROUD OF YOURSELF
DORK.
MY PARENTS ARE THE BEST!
HMM?
WELL, JUST DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOUR ETHNICITY, MIGHT?
I COULDN'T CARE LESS
WHAT?

WHAT MAKES YOU GROW SO TALL?
WHAT I'M CURIOUS ABOUT IS.
ZOOM
You are curious about your height!
SHUT UP!!
BWAA HA HA HA HA!
EXCITED
YEAH?!
OKAY I'LL TELL YOU THE SECRET
PFFT!

"YOU CAN'T CHANGE WHAT MOTHER NATURE GAVE YOU."
I HEARD THIS FROM SOMEONE!
UH-HUH.
HEAD BUTT
WHOA!
IT'S NOT THE SAME!
I'M STILL GOING THROUGH A GROWTH SPURT!

YOU MEAN PUPPET
TUFFET!
YOU...
SEE? WHEN WE'RE LIKE THIS.
YOU
LOOK WHEN SHIKI'S IN...
HE DOESN'T CARE
I wanna be his puppet!
I SEE
"I COULDN'T CARE LESS."

TEA OR A SPORTS DRINK...?
WHAT TO DRINK?
I'm thirsty
BEEP BEEP
HMM
MUMBLE-MUMBLE
MUMBLE-MUMBLE
...
DON'T LEAVE YOURSELF WIDE OPEN!
Too strong!
GREEN TEA AU LAIT!!

Day Duty
Kasukabe Hamsuke
SORRY
HUH? I AM?
KOSUKE, YOU'RE ON DAY DUTY TODAY
HEY!
Get off!
You're heavy!
Such childish tricks!
I'll punish you in person
IT WAS YOU!
WHO WROTE HAMSUKE?!
BUT YOU KNOW ...
KOSUKE LOOKS LIKE A KID WHO'S JUST FOUND A NEW TOY
DEAHH
OUCH!
I'M SO EMBARRASSED!

WHAT?
AT SCHOOL?
YOU WEAR SUNGLASSES?
I GET A HEADACHE FROM TOO MUCH SUNLIGHT
UM, YEAH
HEY, RAKU.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I BOUGHT A PAIR THIS YEAR, TOO.
UH, REALLY?
THEY SAY UV RAYS ARE BAD FOR OUR EYES.
YOU MAY BE MORE SENSITIVE BECAUSE OF YOUR LIGHT SKIN TONE
YES, YOU HAVE A LIGHT COMPLEXION!
AND YOUR HAIR LOOKS GORGEOUS IN THE SUNLIGHT!
FLINCH
IS IT POSSIBLE YOU HAVE SOME FOREIGN BLOOD?
...

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
I'M REAL BAD AT ENGLISH TOO!
Really? I'm surprised
HEY YOU,
Checking our extracurricular activities.
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME TO MY DAY JOB?
HMM?
Give me a break.
I GUESS
WHAT THE HELL? YOU'RE JUST AFRAID I'LL BLOW YOUR COVER.
HUH?
Fingers
I'm done.
IT'S BECAUSE I FEEL AT EASE WHEN I'M WITH YOU.
WHY DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT IT IF IT STRESSES YOU OUT?

BUT IT'S ALSO LIKE BEING A SUPERHERO IN DISGUISE SO IT'S COOL IN A WAY
IT'S STRESS-FUL.
I KIND OF ROLLED THEM.
OKAY...
Or, like a sort of repulsive berserk as a baby or an all-boys school.
LET'S SAY YOU LOOK LIKE A KID, BUT YOU HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE OF AN ADULT
ISN'T YOU GET IT?
Hmm, hold that.
WHAT?
REALLY?!
SO THEN...
YEAH.
...I GET IT
COMMON DESTINY!
YOU'RE ONE OF A FEW FRIENDS WHO KNOWS MY SECRET!

I AGREE!
RIGHT?
KOSUKE!
WHITTER
WHITTER
NO WAY
WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HOW HAKU-KUN DOESN'T LOOK FULLY JAPANESE.
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
OH, I HAVE NO IDEA.
HE'S SURPRISINGLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT

HEY MINAMI.
STOP DAWDLING
WHY ARE YOU DRAGGING YOUR FEET?
BLAH
UGH, I HAVE GYM FIRST TODAY
PLAYING VIDEO GAMES LATE AT NIGHT AGAIN?
BUT I'M SLEEPY IN THE MORNING
I'M NOT TELLING YOU BECAUSE YOU'LL SPOIL THE GAME.
Z... ZZZ
I WON'T SHRINK.
SO HOW FAR DID YOU GET...
...IN Dungeon Quest?
Z... ZZZ
WHAT IF YOU GO BLIND AND SHRINK EVEN SHORTER?
DASH!
YOU TOLD ME WHO WOULD DIE IN THE MOVIE THE OTHER DAY!
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
I WON'T DO THAT ANYMORE! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LET GO OF THE PAST?
IT WAS A FEW YEARS AGO!

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
WOW
I'M ON THE VOLLEY-BALL TEAM.
WHOOSH
I'M IN BETTER SHAPE THAN YOU!
WHOA!
KYOSUKE !!
THEY GET ALONG WELL.
THOSE TWO...
What are you doing?
Can you get up?
HMM?

HMM, THEY MAKE A GREAT COUPLE.
DON'T YOU AGREE?
BUT THEY BROKE UP RIGHT AWAY
THEY USED TO DATE EACH OTHER,
OH, THEM.
OH, HAYATE
...ON THEIR FIRST DATE
I THINK THEY'RE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER,
BUT THE REASON THEY BROKE UP WAS,
REALLY ?
HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAVE A BIG MOUTH?
Height difference can wreck you up!
That cracks me up!
NO
THIS DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT
BWA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA
...SO THEY SAID

Ah.
Gunshaka
THAT ASS-HOLE!
...
IS IT TRUE?
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD FROM HIM.
Ah!
MAYBE HE DOESN'T GET EXCITED BY GIRLS
Arg!
Whuf
I WON'T ASK IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO. SO DON'T BE UPSET
Hothead
SORRY, SUPPY
Ah!
Ah!
ANY-WAY
HOW COULD HE BREAK UP WITH SUCH A PRETTY GIRL SO EASILY?

DOES THIS EXCITE YOU?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?
UH, WHAT IS IT?
TIRED
I DON'T MIND TALKING ABOUT MINAMI, BUT DON'T ASK HER ABOUT IT
Yeah I want to play ball!
This penalty
SHE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT SHE'S SURPRISINGLY SENSITIVE.
OKAY
SHE'S FINALLY IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE NOW
You can tell by her attitude.
HE REALLY CARES ABOUT HER

SHE'S LUCKY..
YEAH?
HAVE YOU HEARD FROM RURI? SHE WON'T SHOW UP FOR FIRST PERIOD.
THAT'S NOTHING NEW
HEY GUYS!
RURI! WHAT HAPPENED!? YOU HAD ME WORRIED!
I FOUND A LINE OF ANTS ALONG THE WAY..
YOU WERE COUNTING THEM? JEEZ!
One, two, three, four
...five, six, seven...
YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED ME!
DIGGLE DIGGLE
BEEP
YEAH.
MINAMI-CHAN LIKES LITTLE THINGS
What?

DON'T JUDGE ME BY MY LOOKS
IT'S THE CLUB FORM! WHICH ONE ARE YOU JOINING?
BASKET-BALL? VOLLEY-BALL?
HMM.
I CAN'T DECIDE.
ARE YOU IN A CLUB?
THAT'S AN INSULT TOO
KENDO? JUDO?
SOME MIGHT NOT MIND IT
HOW ABOUT YOU JUST QUIT BEING BLONE?
DO YOU THINK I CAN WITH MY BLOND HAIR?
I DON'T BELONG TO ANY
OH YEAH I didn't realize that.
...
I DON'T WANT TO BE UNDER-ESTIMATED BECAUSE I'M SMALL!
I LOOK STRONGER!
HUH?
NOPE!
WHY DO YOU DYE YOUR HAIR?

Golden Hamster
Golden Ham Style
ARE YOU KIDDING? I THOUGHT YOU LIKED BEING A HAMSTER!
...
I'm sorry! I'm sorry!
I CAN'T HELP BUT BLURT OUT WHAT'S ON MY MIND WITH HIM.
STOP BEING ANGRY HAM-CHAN.
Don't worry!
DON'T CALL ME HAM!
WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?
HAM-CHAN
HAM-CHAN
JEEZ, HAM-CHAN!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT HAM-CHAN TOLD ME.
WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN, HAM-CHAN.

RAKU
LUCK
LUCKY
I'LL CALL YOU LUCKY!
DAMN IT! I'LL... I'LL...
OKAY.
WHAT?
Hear that? Lucky! Lucky!
Yeah
Raku's kind of hard to pronounce
Isn't it embarrassing to be treated like a dog?
YAY!
Stretch my Chestnut?
Gets nicknamed right away
Okay, Tower
YOU'RE BEING SARCASTIC.
NO ONE HAS EVER GIVEN ME A NICKNAME BEFORE.
Don't point your finger at me!
OKAY
FROM NOW ON, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AS LUCKY!
And my butt on the counter, too!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED ONE.

THE REST OF MY LIFE?!
Not pointing this finger!
FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE... SAY, "BRILLIANT, GORGEOUS, AND GLAMOROUS! RAKU KUNUGIYA, THE LUCKY STAR, ALSO KNOWN AS LUCKY!"
WHY SHOULD I?!
Crap... looking to impress a girl!
THEN WHEN YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE YOU SHOULD SAY, "MODEST, SPEEDY, AND METICULOUS! I'M HAM-CHAN THE YOUNG GENTLE HAMSTER PRINCE OF HAMSTER LAND!"
WHAT ON EARTH ARE THEY DOING?
Let's have lunch.
I'LL GET REJECTED WHEN I APPLY FOR JOBS, TOO!
Whoa
GET REAL! I CAN'T WIN OVER GIRLS WITH AN INTRODUCTION LIKE THAT!

NOW...
...FACE EACH OTHER.
READY...
HERE YOU GO!
CHILL OUT GUYS.
OKAY OKAY
GO!
WHAT?!
It would be too hard to do for the rest of her life.
...THE LOSER WILL INTRODUCE HIMSELF AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT CLASS.
No... I'm predictable.
HOW ABOUT...
...?

COMEDIANS ARE POPULAR THESE DAYS
I THINK BEING FUNNY IS IMPORTANT FOR POPULARITY
...GIRLS MIGHT LIKE IT...
IF IT WORKS.
YEAH! IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A KNACK FOR HUMOR, AND...
BUT, WAIT...
YOU'RE CREATING MORE PROBLEMS. GO AWAY!
WHAT?
IT MIGHT WORK
..
HE'S SO GULLIBLE!
Come on! Bring it on!
OKAY! I HAVE NO CHOICE! I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT!

HMM.
STRETCH
STRETCH
ARM WRESTLE, HUH?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
FEELING CONFI-DENT?
MAYBE. MAYBE NOT
OKAY
GET IN POSI-TION.
I MEAN BUSINESS NOW
?
OKAY
READY
THE HEIGHT DIFFER-ENCE MAKES IT HARD

SLAM
AGH!
GO!
WH-WHAT DID YOU JUST DO?
NICE GOING, KOSUKE.
I WON!
HE USED TO BE A VOLLEYBALL PLAYER.
I WAS SO Moved
AW!
KO-SUKE WINS!
ALL RIGHT!

WHAT?
HIS USER TO PLAY VOLLEY-BALL
IN ANY CASE, YOU HAVE TO TAKE YOUR PUNISH-MENT
Hee hee hee
AH!
That's right!
What about yesterday?
Crap I broke him too much.
5TH PERIOD JAPANESE HISTORY
OKAY
I WONDER WHY?
LET'S START FROM PAGE 84!
GENGI!
YES?
THE NEW STU-DENT?

I'M.
I'M.
YEAH.
BRILLIANT, GORGEOUS, AND GLAMOROUS! I'M RAKU KUNISIYA, THE MOST TALKED ABOUT COOL GUY, YOUR LUCKY STAR, YOUR SHOOTING STAR, AND A NICE GUY ALSO KNOWN AS LUCKY!
UH
BURST
SHUT

I'M MOPEST, SPEEDY, AND METICULOUS! THE YOUNG, GENTLE STAR FROM HAM LAND WHO WILL GROW TO BE A LION! I'M HAM-CHAN, THE HAMSTER PRINCE!
SEAT-SET!
Ha ha ha! What was that?
You're awesome!
I know it!
...!
FURRET
...
FURRET
DEEP!
Ha Ha Ha Ha
Extra-time is about to!
Bang
Ha Ha Ha
Come on!
LISTEN TO ME!
HAM-CHAN...
...stood up for me!
Yahoo! I won't have to run forever...
IT BECAME A TRAINING FOR A WHILE
Have you decided?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT JOINING A CLUB?
HEY, YOU.
EXTRACURRICULARS
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY NICKNAME?

WHAT THE HELL?! UGH!
WHAT ABOUT CLUBS?
LET'S SEE.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO CALL ME BY IT?
UH...
WHAT ABOUT CLUBS...
LUCKY?
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
I CAN'T MOTIVATE MYSELF
BESIDES, WE'RE HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR.
I WOULD'VE CONSIDERED THE SAME CLUB AS YOU.
WHY?
HEY CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
WHY DID YOU QUIT THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM?

WHO KNOWS?
I FORGOT
HOW LONG DID YOU PLAY FOR?
SIX YEARS.
UM.
HUH?
Six years? You mean since elementary school?!
WAIT!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT IT WHAT A WASTE!
OH.
JUST SHUT UP!
THAT'S FOR ME TO DECIDE.
DICTATE

Really!
WHY DID YOU QUIT?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
BUT I WANT TO KNOW!
WHAT WAS YOUR REASON?
Come on!
Then
EXAMS? AN INJURY?
Tell me!
...volleyball!
We're talking about
CAN'T YOU TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT ME?!
NOPE!
DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT...
WAS IT BECAUSE OF YOUR WEIGHT?
YOU MORON!

YOU'RE SHORT! SO WHAT?
JUST JUMP IF YOU CAN'T REACH THE NET
CHOMP
BE-CAUSE OF SOME THING LIKE THAT
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO GIVE UP...
OW!
DON'T JUST SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT!
THERE ARE SOME THINGS I CAN'T REACH NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY!
YOU DON'T KNOW SHIT!

WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
OH
UH, KOSUKE? WEREN'T WE GOING TO KARAOKE AFTER SCHOOL...?
OH!
HEY, CUT IT OUT!
WHACK
YEAH!
YEAH!
WHACK
WHACK
WHAT STARTED THIS?
COULD'VE YOU HAVE STOPPED HIM SOONER?
FORGET ABOUT THIS LOSER. LET'S GO, KEIKA!
UH, OKAY

Are you all right?
Yeah
I MADE HIM UPSET AGAIN
He left a note.
OH!
THEY'RE PRACTICING
LET'S SEE
VOLLEY BALL
VOLLEY BALL
WOMEN ARE ON THE FIRST FLOOR

I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS ON THE VOLLEY-BALL TEAM.
Then tonight
It is the night before
IT'S MINAMI-CHAN
HMM?
"THEY USED TO HATE EACH OTHER."
"BUT THEY BROKE UP RIGHT AWAY."
Hmm
I NEED TO APOLOGIZE.

HEY RAKU
SEN-PAI
NO, I SHOULD TELL HIM IN PERSON
SHOULD I SEND
A TEXT MESSAGE?
OH!
WHAT? IS THAT HOW IT LOOKED?!
ARE YOU SHOWING PICTURES OF THE TRAM?
Yes, it was!
OMMY
HERE FOR A VISIT? THE BOYS' TEAM IS UPSTAIRS I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
NO... NO!
I was just passing by...
HE'S ALWAYS ANGRY
Make it two with you!
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S KOSUKE?
HEY, HOW DO YOU THINK I SHOULD APOLOGISE TO HIM?
WELL, I KIND OF UPSET HIM.

HE'S SO SIMPLE.
AND FOOD IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD!
HA HA HA. DON'T WORRY. IF IT WASN'T SERIOUS, HE WON'T EVEN REMEMBER IT TOMORROW
YEAH. KEIKA AND KAZUYA, TOO.
HE WASN'T CHANGED SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
SO IT'S PROBABLY BETTER TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM TODAY
YOU'VE KNOWN HIM SINCE THEN?
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
"YOU DON'T KNOW SHIT!"
THAT'S A LONG TIME TO KNOW SOMEONE.
SO WHAT?
HWA HA HA!
WOW, SENPAI!
I NEED TO GET SOME SUNFLOWER SEEDS TO BRIBE HIM.
THANKS, I'M GONNA HEAD OUT NOW

SQUEAL
SINCE WHEN!?
YOU'RE LUCKY HE'S CUTE!
OH, MY GOD! IS HE YOUR BOY-FRIEND!?
THEN INTRO-DUCE HIM TO US!
ADK!
WHAT!?
HE ALLY-Y?
HE'S NOT MY TYPE AT ALL!
SHE DISSES ME.
MY BOY-FRIEND'S WAY! HA HA HA!
BUTCH GIRLS!
I'M NOT INTER-ESTED IN BUTCH GIRLS!
GUTTA GO!
ADK!
WHA!

YOU KNOW IT FELT GOOD!
Nagh
Tch
ABOUT TO PASS OUT! I COULDN'T BREATHE!
Watch he regulars! Hey!
Yeah a little bit
AHH!
I WAS
I CAME BACK BECAUSE I REALIZED HOW IMMATURE I WAS ACTING
You look quite the same you
?
GO WHAT?
THAT'S IT?
SORRY! THANKS!
AND SORRY!
AHA HA, YOU'RE SO PUTIFUL!
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY BACK HERE FOR THAT?
DON'T LAUGH!
HUH ?!
What are you saying?

THIS CYCLE OF UPS AND DOWNS OVER STUPID LITTLE THINGS.
I SAY I'M SORRY
FOR WHAT?
WOOHOO!
I COULD SLEEP IN FOR FIVE MORE MINUTES & YOU'D PICK ME UP AT THE STATION IN THE MORNING
THIS IS GREAT
Everyone's friends
OF COURSE
REMINDS ME OF
OH, MAKE THE NEXT RIGHT
NO WAY
THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE REALLY AFTER!
WHOA!
HEY! WATCH OUT!

HEE HEE!
THAT LOOKS MANLY!
IT HURTS!
THIS REMINDS ME OF LOVE.

WHAT?!
SO YOU WANT TO BITE MY RIGHT ARM, TOO?
That reminds me

MINAMI MAKITA. SHE LIKES LITTLE THINGS.
THERE'S RURI AND KAZUYA.
MEOW
CLICK
PONE
DING
TINY
SMALL
LARGE
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
HAA
HAA
CLICK
WOOOOW!!

...for dessert?
Is that
EAR OF CORN
...
RURI IMASATO HER HOBBIES INCLUDE COUNTING THINGS...
One, two, three, four, five, six...
189_
190_
SLEEP-ING...
ZZZ...
AND...

WINTER'S REALLY HERE
HAH!
WHOOSH
SHUT UP! I AM IN A CHRISTMAS MOOD NOW THAT MY FINALS ARE OVER!
IT ISN'T CHRISTMAS FOR TEN MORE DAYS.
PURE
RELIEF
JINGLE BELLS!
JINGLE BELLS!
Let's play all night!
Spend Christmas Eve with you guys?
Don't tell everyone!
WII
Yuki! Yuki!
NINJIN BOBS!
LET'S ALL PLAY WII ON CHRISTMAS EVE!
GOOD IDEA.
YOU HAVE A WII?

OH WAIT A MINUTE...
THE 24TH IS...
SORRY
WHAT? YOU CAN'T MAKE IT?
MY FRIEND FROM MY OLD SCHOOL IS VISITING THAT DAY
I'M SORRY
But I'm [reason]
Don't slack off cleaning!
Hey!
Sorry!
I wanted him to wear this...
THE LUCKY BOY ISN'T COMING TODAY?
HIS FRIEND FROM HIS OLD SCHOOL IS VISITING
IT MUST BE A GIRL.
FRIEND
ON THE 24TH

BUT HIS FRIEND PICKED CHRISTMAS EVE TO COME!
They're so synchronized!
WHAT??
Damn it's hot
LUCKY HIM SPENDING CHRISTMAS EVE... WITH A GIRL.
INSIDE I didn't think about it before.
I GUESS HE'S RIGHT
POPCORN
BUZZ
BUZZ
HANK?
YEAH, I'M HERE.
Who has the five of spades?
WHAT?
WILL?
HUH?

HAM-CHAN!
RAKU!
SINCE I WAS SEEING MY FRIEND OFF...
SEEING YOUR FRIEND OFF...
HATE
HATE
POPULAR BOYS ARE DESIGNATED!
I WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU
HEY YOU LOOK FESTIVE!
HUH? I DO?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FRIEND?
THERE'S NO CAKE LEFT FOR YOU.
Rubbing it will make it worse.
I ASKED YOU A QUESTION!
YOUR REP NOSE!

IT'S STUFFED WITH GOODIES. I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS IT
WOW!
WOW!
EXCITED
EXCITED
ANY THING?
MORE THAN!
TADA!
WHAT?!
UH, NO, I'M HEADING BACK.
MINAMI'S HOUSE IS RIGHT OVER THERE.
HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING IN RETURN!
WHAT WAHHEN
THANKS!

GOOD NIGHT!
THEM, WHAT...
MY TRAIN IS COMING
COME ON! EVERYONE IS WAITING TO PLAY WITH YOU!
OH!
THANKS FOR THE HAND WARMER.
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
LINE TWO TRAIN IS ARRIVING NOW.
PLEASE STAND BACK.

I'M
SO STUBBORN
DID I WANT HIM TO STOP ME?
HOW SELFISH
WHAT AM I THINKING?
CLICKETY
CLICK
Oi.

DING
DING
DING
DING
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU!
CHRISTMAS!!
MERRY ...
VROOM
DEFEATED
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

EEK!
WAITING!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU...
HUH?
I THOUGHT MY HEART WAS GOING TO STOP!
SO ARE YOU ALONE?
YEAH, I INVITED EVERYONE, BUT
HMM.
WE CAME TO VISIT A SHRINE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE
AND MIHARU AND RUMI ARE GOING TOGETHER.
KEIKA SAID HE CAN'T COME BECAUSE IT'S TOO COLD
KATSUYA SAID HE SPENDS THIS TIME WITH HIS FAMILY EVERY YEAR.

SHOULD WE GO INSIDE SOMEWHERE?
IT'S NOT MIDNIGHT YET
ARE YOU SLEEPY?
Ah
GOOD NIGHT
WHAT?
Ahhh!

AN HOUR LATER
Oh no... we'll miss the last train!
H-HEY
AH...
AAH!
HUH?
HEY WAIT!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT?
ALL RIGHT! I TOOK A PICTURE OF YOU SLEEPING!
KYAA
KYAA
SELL IT TO YOUR FANS!
DELETE IT!!

I DIDN'T MISS IT!
WHAT?!
I DIDN'T WANT TO MISS THE COUNTDOWN!
WHY DID YOU FALL ASLEEP TOO?
BUT, RAN!!
HEY HAN-CHAN!
I'LL SHOW EVERYONE THE PICTURE OF YOU SLEEP-(HIS)
THIS PLACE IS EMPTY

CLINK
CLINK
I DON'T KNOW THE PROPER... PRAYER ETIQUETTE.
WHO CARES? IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS.
BEING AT THE SHRINE AT THIS HOUR IS EXCITING.
HA HA!
IT'S PRETTY RARE.
WELL...

Um...
There's something I have to tell you.
Don't be so serious...
Embarrassing?
Huh?
It's too embarrassing to say! I'll text you!
Delete it!!
It's for personal enjoyment
That's even worse!
What the hell?
Inbox
Happy New Year! Attachment
Don't worry I won't edit. ★

I SLEPT THROUGH NEW YEAR'S AT ANOI!
OH?
...WHEN I WOKE UP IT WAS FIVE IN THE MORNING?
AND THEN...
WHAT?
OH, I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE SOMETHING MORE EXCITING.
...FROM THE WAY YOU LOOKED
HUH?!
YAY!
WHAT'S UP?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Listen to Mai Kuku...
KOSUKE WENT TO VISIT A SHRINE WITH YUKU.
VISIT A SHRINE?

UH, HOW DO I LOOK?
YEAH, YOU DO.
LIKE YOU'RE IN LOVE.
NO WAY!
RIGHT HANAE?
WARNING!
Let me go!
HERE, HAKU.
WHAT IS IT?
COME ON, BUTI!
HEY TAKE A LOOK AT HIM, HAKU.
Cut it out!
Don't look!
OH, YEAH

IT'S CUTE.
IT'S JUST LIKE A GIRL TO KEEP SWEETS IN A SCHOOL BAG...
I want one, too!
THIS IS IN RETURN FOR THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING
My snack!
OH!
THANKS!
WHAT?
FINCH
FINCH
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
I was complimented!
How ace
That must be how he gets girls.
YOU'RE SO SAD, LOW!
COME ON!
YOU WOMANIZER!
Watch your mouth!
WHAT?

THAT WAS A GUY FRIEND.
I have a picture of him.
IS THAT SO?
WHAT? BUT ON CHRISTMAS.
What's your whisperness?
Why...? Why?!
BUT DON'T YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
(*in heavy disbelief*)
NO, I DON'T
Let's start homerooms!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S BACK TO BEING PALS
I SEE.

...HE HAD A GIRL-FRIEND!
Kaito made a stupid comment!
I ASSUMED
WE NEVER REALLY
TALK ABOUT THIS TOPIC.
I WANT A GIRL-FRIEND!
KENCA SAYS...
...ALL THE TIME
BUT I HAVEN'T EVER
...PICTURED RAKU WITH A GIRL...

TOO FAR-FETCHED!
IT ISN'T
I THINK
THEY'D MAKE A GOOD COUPLE.
CUTE
I WONDER WHAT—
I LOOK LIKE RIGHT NOW?

HEY HAN-CHAN.
LET'S CUT THROUGH THE PARK.
OKAY
THERE'S A SWING SET!
YOU'RE
I WONDER IF HE IS UPSET THAT I TOLD MINAMI-CHAN SHE WAS CUTE THIS MORNING
shallow!!
HUH?
Hold my bag!
YOU DON'T GET SICK ON IT?
DID HE THINK I WAS HITTING ON HER?

HAM-CHAN.
HAM?
OH, I HAVE A COOKIE.
ARE YOU UPSET...
...ABOUT THIS MORNING?
HEH
YOU SEEM TO GET ALONG WELL WITH HER.
WHO? ME?
WELL

HONESTLY I FEEL LIKE THEY PUT ME ON A PEDESTAL, AND IT MAKES ME UNCOMFORTABLE.
YOU SEE, I STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD, SO FROM THE BEGINNING...
Oh sorry
Whoa he's cute!
Whoa he's cute!
Thanks
MOST GIRLS NEVER SEE ME AS A FRIEND
SO, I FEEL RELAXED AROUND MINAMI-CHAN.
And the cool I'm not her type.
Girls first see him as a small animal
I wish I had that problem
I'll give this a try
HMM. I SEE.
I AGREE.
THAT YOU'RE NOT AS PRETENTIOUS AS YOU LOOK.
YEAH, EXACTLY!!

WELL, HOW ABOUT YOU?
COME OVER HERE FOR A SECOND!
Stood next to me
Laughing
VICTORY
DO YOU STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR MINAMI-CHAN?
WHOA!
GULP

MINAMI IS A FRIEND!
I TOLD YOU SHE IS IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.
OKAY
How dare you stand over me!
WATCH IT!
IT WAS BECAUSE YOU SAID SOMETHING STUPID
EEEK!
IS THIS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE SPOILED?
PEOPLE DON'T USUALLY LOOK DOWN AT ME.
Does that mean I'm a dependent guy?

HA HA! WHAT A PITY FOR A BIG GUY...
"You're in love."
WHAT DID I LOOK LIKE JUST NOW?
LOOK LIKE?
AH!
MY HEART
MY ALARMING
I CAN'T TELL YOU.
WHAT??
COME ON! I WANT TO KNOW!
BUT YOU'LL GET ANGRY AT ME.
I'LL BE ANGRY EITHER WAY!

WHOA!
WAIT...
THUD
...!
SORRY!
OWW.
DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD??
I'M SO SORRY!
I'M SORRY!
OKAY
ENGLISH MESSING AROUND
HEY!

?
REMEMBER? I WAS RIDING MY BIKE THAT TIME
OH, YEAH!
OUR SITUATION IS REVERSED! THIS TIME I GET TO LOOK DOWN ON YOU!
IT'S THE OPPOSITE
OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE FIRST MET
..
I think you should go to the hospital
YEAH.
IT'S NOT TOO BAD!

HIS HOBBIES ARE BAKING AND KEEPING A JOURNAL ABOUT HIS HAMSTER.
KAZUYA OHMORI
KATTLE
KATTLE
I shared a sweet potato I baked yesterday.
Today, sunny
He's full of energy today
Okay, let's go play basket-ball!
He ate five pieces
Wait, I need a break.

Nnnnn...
Naptime in the afternoon...
* 5TH PERIOD, JAPANESE HISTORY
SCRUB
SCRUB
JERK
HE WIPED THE DROOL OFF HIS FACE
Gross
Ah!
OH, HE'S UP...
BUT THAT'S WHAT'S SO CUTE ABOUT HIM, TOO. ♥
...
KAZUYA
Everyone loves him
...
He eats and sleeps very well...

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'RE THAT KIND OF PERSON.
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
HOW ABOUT A THANK YOU?
OKAY OKAY
I MADE THESE CHOCOLATES WITH RURI FOR VALENTINE'S DAY THIS YEAR. ♡
ICK!
Homemade?
Not from you, fool!
GIRLS REALLY LOVE HOLIDAYS.
HERE.
ICK!
SHE JUST MELTED AND HARDENED THE CHOCOLATE. BUT I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
HOMEMADE HUH?
But she's so cheeky

Oh thanks
KAZUYA IS A MASTER BAKER.
POUND CAKE
I LOVE YOU!
WOW! IS THIS HOMEMADE?
REALLY?
OH, COME ON.
Have mine too.
That is so cute!
Wow I want one too!
Let's trade!
TRADING FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATE
BUT THE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS ARE UNAPPEALING
DON'T THEY HAVE ONE FOR THEIR TRUE TARGET?
ME EITHER.
WELL, I DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING ON VALENTINE'S DAY ANYMORE

AFTER SCHOOL
COME ON!
LET'S GO.
NOT YET!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE WON'T GIVE UP WHILE THERE'S STILL A CHANCE!
I'LL BUY YOU CHOCOLATES IF YOU WANT THEM SO BADLY
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
Hey!
You've got a lot of chocolate I'll help you eat it!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN MY SWEET SECRET ADMIRER IS SO SHY?

HERE.
Chocolate
Cute like sweet cooks.
The way was pretty popular
Ah!
YOU SAID YOU'D BUY ME SOME CHOCOLATE.
WHAT?
YOU DID!
You ate yours!
Give me that one
IT'S OKAY IT'S STILL CHOCOLATE.
A CHOCO-LATH HARP
IMAGINE HOW A GUY FEELS BUYING CHOCOLATE ON VALENTINE'S DAY!
THEN I'LL GRATE-FULLY ACCEPT IT....
My short chocolate that year
He even counted the one from a guy
I CAN'T WAIT FOR WHITE DAY!
WHAT?!

I LOVE YOU, TSUNEO-KUN!
♥
NO THANK YOU
I REFUSE!
WHAT A PAIN!
THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR BUYING THEM CHOCOLATES?
"I love you."
WELL THIS GET ME OFF THE HOOK?
HUH?
!

WHOAAA!
Could it be? Hinata's crush!
Cool it's a shot of him!
Hey!
GRAB
!!
I'LL DO IT TOO, IF YOU'LL CUT ME SOME SLACK.

WE GOT THIS EXCLUSIVE SHOT
It worked in Tadano, though.
LATER...
What is it?
Huh?
HEY! I'M IN THAT PICTURE, TOO!
WAIT A MINUTE!
Take a look at this!
I SEE!
IT'LL BE A BLOW TO RANJI'S POPULARITY IF WE SHOW IT TO THE GIRLS!
RANJI'S MASTER

OH.
MY CONTACT FELL OUT AND I FREAKED.
EARLIER, IN GYM CLASS...
IS THAT WHY YOU WERE ACTING WEIRD?
Hee hee hee...
I WAS, WASN'T I?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE STILL GETTING AWAY WITH IT
WEIRD ACT
CONFESS WITH SHOVE

UM.
...I'M A MAN OF HIS WORD!
PUFF
SURE! YOU CAN LET IT BE KNOWN THAT...
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU.
WELL,
Eek!
Jerk!
WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS?
UGH.
WHAT A PAIN
LIBRARY

Okay
THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME...
I CAN HELP YOU.
COLLECT MATERIALS AND WRITE A GROUP PAPER AFTER SCHOOL?
BUT THIS IS HOW IT TURNED OUT!
He's not a man of his word
Hi! Food on 3rd floor, right?
COME ON, AKAU
HELP ME OUT HERE
OH, SORRY
HANG ON A SEC.

NOW...
...DO YOU NEED A HAND?
SIGH
MUMBLE MUMBLE
THANKS. NONE OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS COULD COME IN TODAY.
OH, YOU HAVE TO LEAVE HERE BY 5?
Really?
Ha ha
YOU CAN LEAVE THE REST
I'M SORRY
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND SO LETS WORK ON IT NOW
WHAT?
FORGET IT. I'M LEAVING

Shh...
Fly my dearie.
ARE YOU UPSET WITH ME?
SMACK
ACK!
SMACK
LOCK UP AFTER YOURSELF ♡

CLACK
HEY HAM-CHAN.
There you are.
Hee hee hee
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!
CLICK
POOF
HE'S TAKING A WHILE.
..

THAT HURT!
My ears are still ringing
!!

It was my fault!?
...!
Don't look.
It's full of embarrassing...
RAKLN YOUR EYE!
I'LL GO LOOK FOR IT!
I LOOKED AROUND BUT I COULDN'T FIND IT
YEAH, I SEEM TO HAVE LOST ONE OF MY CONTACTS.
FORGET IT!
It'll be hard to hide when swimming starts anyway
YOU'RE RIGHT IT'S AMAZING THAT NO ONE HAS FOUND OUT YET
YOU DON'T MIND...
TELLING EVERYONE ABOUT YOUR ETHNICITY?
DO YOU MEAN...

WE WERE AROUND HERE, WEREN'T WE?
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR IT!
UH...
YEAH.

IT HAS TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.
THAT'S WEIRD!
WAIT
I CAN'T MOVE.

FOUND IT!
IT WAS ON YOUR HEAD.
AHH! I see
NO WONDER WE COULDN'T FIND IT!
RIGHT?
They really are contacts
WOW! I haven't seen his eyes in a while.

I think so.
Does the key fit the office?
HERE.
?

THEY'RE REALLY BEAUTIFUL.

ACCIDENTALLY
OH!
I FORGOT
MIRON.
CLINK
THANKS.
THAT'S NICE OF YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR CONTACTS IN.
I'll return it.
HA HA HA.
Put in a good word for me.

CREAK
WELL,
I'M NOT JUST DOING IT FOR YOU.
?
BECAUSE I WANTED YOU ALL TO MYSELF
It's raining!
What did you mean earlier?

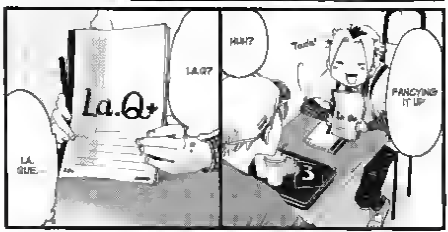
HEH HEH!
WORKING HARD?
I'M SORRY, BUT WE HAVE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS. WE DON'T ALLOW ANYONE OVER 5'11" OR UNDER 4'11" IN OUR STORE.
UNDER 4'11"?!
I PURPOSELY PICKED A STORE FAR AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND HOME. DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING BETTER TO DO?
WE'RE ON SPRING BREAK!
Even if he embarrassed
WHY ARE YOU SO HYPER?
Leave me alone
I study a lotnow.
SO YOU'VE BEEN WORKING PART-TIME?
No homework...
...over spring break!
NAW? YEAH, I HAVE.

NOTHING TOO BIG
SO YOU'RE NOT SAVING UP FOR SOMETHING?
I WANTED SOME SPENDING MONEY
I WANT TO GO TO A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.
VOCA-TIONAL?
OH, YEAH! COOL! THAT'S GREAT!
GLOAT
TO BE A BEAUTICIAN
YOU THINK SO?
I'M HOPING I CAN HELP PAY FOR MY TUITION.
YEAH.
THAT'S AWESOME!

It's our third year after all.
KENJI SAID THAT?
I WONDER IF IT WAS HIS UNIFORM, BUT HE LOOKED PRETTY COOL..
CHATTER CHATTER
REALLY?
HEY, IT'S NICE TO BE COMPLIMENTED BY SOMEONE LIKE YOU
FLIRT!
FLIRT!
BUY ME ICE CREAM!
WHY?
I ONLY SEE THE FRIES RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME
NO, YOU?
Pretty cool?
YEAH, IT DOES.
I KNOW
DOES THE FUTURE SEEM VAGUE TO YOU?
I feel the same way
MOST PEOPLE AIM TO BE A CORPORATE BUSINESSMAN.
HOW ABOUT YOU? HAVE YOU DECIDED YET?

I'm going to make the rounds!
STRUT
I CAN PICTURE IT BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT
LEAVE ME OUT OF YOUR FANTASIES!
BUT I CAN'T PICTURE YOU.
?
A new customer
!

HMM?
HEY WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY NOTEBOOK?
The notebook he was drawing!


La.Q+
LA. GUE...
LA.G?
HUH?
Tools!
FANCYING IT UP

EVEN IF I BECOME A CORPORATE BUSINESS-MAN,
I'm proud of it
Ha ha ha Nice!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
RAKU!
AHA!
I HOPE ..
How about "HERE" for Hair.
WE CAN HANG OUT LIKE THIS FOREVER.
WHAT? DID I SAY SOMETHING STRANGE?
Let's go to an arcade!
Ha ha ha
HA! WHAT A WEIRD THING TO SAY!
SNATCH
AGH!

YOU SAID YOU'RE NOT SURE ABOUT THE FUTURE.
HAM-CHAN.
DRUMMING
MUM?
HAM?
BUT I'LL ALWAYS NEED...
...ONE THING CLOSE TO MY HEART...
YOU KNOW THAT.
Whoa! I dropped it! Stop messing around!
GAME OVER
Ha ha ha ha!
I hope so, too
SUDDENLY OUR FUTURES SEEM LESS VAGUE.

...WHO MAKES A FUSS ABOUT WANTING A GIRLFRIEND. I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM TALK ABOUT ROMANCE.
Someone
FOR SOME-ONE
GAY?
WHAM
COULD HE BE...
...GAY...?
AHA!
LADIES ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL BE JEALOUS IF I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
DON'T BE SO SURE!
Let's go
YOU'RE NOT POPULAR BECAUSE YOU'RE A MORON.

DISHEVELED
AH! MINAMI!
I told you it damages your hair
YOU SLEPT WITH YOUR HAIR WET AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
IT'S A PROBLEM! COME OVER HERE!
COME ON, WHAT'S THE FUSS?
Blah
Blah
You never leave me alone
THAT'S MY TASK
MY LOVE CAN BE UNREQUITED FOREVER

WE THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS...
WILL BE AWARE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS UPPER-CLASSMEN...
WHAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY?
IS IT TASTY?
...BACK AT SCHOOL
WOW
WE'RE ALREADY
...
HE REALLY STANDS OUT IN A CROWD
He's a giant
CLASS A
CLASS B
CLASS D
Kamijo
Kashiyuka
Kudou
Kaitou
Kuri
Mizuguchi
OUR CLASS REALLY GOT SEPARATED

HE STANDS OUT IN THE CROWD
...with his blonded head
HAM-CHAN IS IN ANOTHER CLASS.
RETURN TO YOUR CLASSES IN FIFTY MINUTES.
OH.
?
??
Is he replying?
WHAT WAS ALL THAT?
LOOK HOW HIGH HIS WAIST IS! ♥
HEY!
YOU LOOK REALLY TALL UP CLOSE.
OH.
Hi!

Keiko watched helplessly.
I CAN'T MAKE FRIENDS LIKE THIS.
I'M SO WORN OUT
WAIT...
I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO SAY HI TO NAMI-CHAN
UM,
WANNA STOP AT MIK ON THE WAY HOME?
Check pouches
HEY, KOSUKE!
OH,
REALLY?
MAH,
IT'LL PASS.
See ya.

SORRY! ANOTHER TIME
COME ON!
WHY NOT?
TAP TAP

HUH?
NOTHING SPECIAL.
WHEN YOU WERE WAVING YOUR ARMS EARLIER?
IS THAT ALL? YOU WERE STANDING OUT TOO.
I WAS SAYING THAT YOU'RE HUGE, AND I CAN SEE YOU FROM FAR AWAY
Ha ha ha! Your shirt!
REALLY? DID I GIVE OFF A COOL VIBE?
WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

WHAT?!
NO FAIR!
So will mine!
HA HA HA!
I BET MY GRADES WILL GO UP.
MY CLASS IS QUIET WITHOUT YOU.
I CAN SEE EVERYTHING CLEARLY... TOO!
THE CLASSROOM FEELS SO BIG WITHOUT YOU
A QUIET
A BIG
CLASSROOM
YEAH.
YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD.

FLIP
HUH?
KNOCK
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
BUT SOMETHING IS MISSING
...
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
HUH?
WHOA!
FLIP
ACK!
What are you doing?

のしっ
HUH?
YEAH!
...
GOT IT!
HEY! THAT TICKLES MY NECK. GET OFF OF ME!
OH, SORRY

FLUTTER
FLUTTER
SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE
YEAH.
UH, LET'S GET GOING!
MY WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN TODAY

OH, MORNING HAN-CHAN.
PAT
GOOD MORNING!
Morning!
Good morning!
OH, YOUR BED HEAD?
THIS? IT'S MY BED HEAD
MY EARS?
ERR, I MEAN...
YOUR HAIR!
Usui
Self
YOUR EARS!
HEY WHAT HAPPENED?
NORMAL
BED HEAD
THAT MEANS
Keika Kamuji, the Prince of Hair!
The Hair Fiend
But we're in different classes now
THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW
USUALLY KEIKA WOULD FIX IT FOR ME.

DON'T LAUGH!
Unbelievable!
WOW! NOT AGAIN!
YOU'RE STILL LAUGHING!
BUT I CAN'T STOP!
AFTER YESTERDAY
I WAS WORRIED OUR RELATIONSHIP WOULD BECOME AWKWARD
BUT HE'S HIS USUAL SELF.
HEY, SAKU IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE POPULAR AGAIN
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE.
Yeah.
SINCE THE OPENING CEREMONY, RIGHT?

Are you ignoring my kindness?!
GOTTA RUN!
IF THIS KEEPS UP, I'LL BE AL BANISHED FROM ALL THE CLUBS.
Am I really that bad at making friends?
OKAY, I'LL HELP YOU BECOME LESS POPULAR!
ACK!
I'M GOING BACK TO MY CLUBS.
THANKS.
HEY KOSUKE.
I FEEL CONFUSED
...
ANY-WAY...
AM I THE ONLY ONE THINKING ABOUT IT?
Cure + Smile
...

WHAT ARE YOU SO ANXIOUS ABOUT?
I SEE.
FLUSTER
ET?...
NOTHING!
FLUSTER
WHOA!
CLATTER
THAT JERK
HE LAUGHED WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD
LIKE OH.
SEE YA
TOOT
PING
PING

PHYSICAL EXAM, HUH?
Physical Examination
DAMN IT!
I DON'T HAVE THAT MANY FRIENDS.
WHAT? DO I HAVE TO TAKE THIS BY MYSELF?
UM...
SOME OF THIS REQUIRES PAIRING UP...
Especially the female part
HMM?
DO YOU WANT TO WORK TOGETHER?

Changing Clothes
WE TAKE THE PHYSICAL EXAM AND THE FITNESS TESTS TOGETHER HERE?
THIS MUST BE YOUR FIRST PHYSICAL EXAM AT THIS SCHOOL.
Ack!
We have to run a mile?
YEAH, UM.
I'M HANEKAWA?
CALL ME HANE
YOU'RE HAKU, RIGHT?
RIGHT
I'VE BEEN...
...WANTING TO ASK YOU SOME THING
I hope I get some good eyesight
YEAH?
WHY...
...ARE YOU HIDING YOUR ETHNICITY?

Why'n that even crossing your mind?
I DON'T PLAN ON BLACKMAILING YOU OR THREATENING YOU FOR MONEY, SO YOU CAN REST EASY
REALLY?
WELL...
HA HA.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ALARMED
I'M JUST CURIOUS ABOUT YOU
I WON'T FORCE YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT IT
AND I WON'T TELL ANYONE.
THAT'S A RELIEF
HUH?
I'M GLAD IT'S SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO FOUND OUT

HA HA HA!
...!
...!
DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME?
AWW!
YOU'RE SO CUTE!
HE'S JUST TEASING.
CURIOUS ABOUT ME HUH?
WHAT?!
"I COULDN'T CARE LESS."
I THINK NAM-CHAN TOLD ME THE OPPOSITE
THAT'S SO LIKE NIM.
RAAA
KUUU!
RGH!

HANEKIKO!
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM??
THAT'S MY LINE...
EEEEK!
SIGH? WEIRD? DOESN'T MATTER.
I GREW! SEE? AN INCH!
YOUR GROWTH IS STUNTED BECAUSE YOU NEVER LET THE SMALL THINGS GO.
NOT A CHANCE!
YOU TWO ARE FRIENDS?
I'M GOING TO BE BEATEN TO DEATH BEFORE THAT COULD HAPPEN.
RAKU, YOU'LL BECOME EVIL IF YOU HANG AROUND WITH THESE SNAKES!
SHATEK
GIRL
ANY WAY
WHAT?

THAT WAS MEAN!
IT SEEMED TO ME THAT YOU WERE DOING ALL THE GETTING
GET HIM BEFORE HE GETS YOU!
RUNAWAY !
HEY!
HE WAS ABOUT TO ATTACK ME!
HE LIKES TO GET IN MY FACE!
HE WORKS?
I DON'T THINK HE'S THAT BAD OF A PERSON.
WHEN WE WERE ON THE VOLLEY BALL TEAM . .
IT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T TRUST YOU!
NO WAIT!
YOU TOLD HIM...
ABOUT IT?
WHAT?
HE SAID HE WOULDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT MY ETHNICITY
HMM, BUT...
SO THAT'S HOW THEY KNOW EACH OTHER

...?
...
WELL, HE ALREADY KNEW ABOUT IT
はっ
HE SAW ME WITH MY MOTHER.
HAM-CHAN?
OH!
He's a weirdo.
UM, THAT'S FINE, BUT DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
DO YOU HAVE TIME BEFORE THE EXAM? LET'S GO HAVE LUNCH
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE FITNESS TEST
IS THAT SO?
YOU KNOW
I'M ALREADY EXHAUSTED FROM RUNNING AROUND EARLIER.

SHAME ON ME!
Do I have to climb the stairs to your classroom?
AH
Go! Go!
NOT SO FAST! NOW DO SOME BUNNY HOPS!
THAT'S ARMADO!
AHH!
DON'T PULL ON MY NECK
UH, HEY...
?
OKAY!
RGH!
JANESHKO WAS QUIETLY FUMING.
MEAN-WHILE...
THEY ALL HAD T-SHIRTS ON!

"HE SAID HE WON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT MY ETHNICITY."
"HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD PERSON."
PAT
OH.
IT'S RAINING
KARL'S WORDS HAVE BEEN BUGGING ME
I KNOW HIM BETTER
I FEEL ROTTEN.
HUH?
OH.
THERE'S A SNAIL
THE SUN WAS OUT EARLIER.
AND I'VE KNOWN ABOUT HIS ETHNICITY FOR A WHILE

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S CAUSING IT
NO..
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH ME?!
SO WHAT?!
SNAIL
GLOOM
WHAT I MEAN IS I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE ON IT
HEY IT'S RAINING!
WHY AM I SO DEPRESSED ?!
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO SIXTH PERIOD GYM CLASS.
YEAH.
I hope it's inside.
GLOOM
I DON'T HAVE MY UMBRELLA.
I'M ALL DEPRESSED BUT RIKU IS THE SAME AS ALWAYS
KNOW THOSE GUYS?
AH!

HAH CHAN!
YOU KEEP A SPARE UMBRELLA HERE, RIGHT?
CAN WE SHARE YOUR UMBRELLA AND GO TO THE STORE ON THE WAY HOME?
I'll buy an umbrella there
I DON'T WANT TO
YOU'RE TOO BIG TO FIT UNDER MY UMBRELLA.
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I HAVE AN UMBRELLA, TOO.
YAY!
THAT SOLVES THAT PROBLEM!
WAIT!
I JUST REALISED WE WON'T GET WET IF WE WALK UNDER MY UMBRELLA LIKE THIS!
WHAT?!

HOW CAN SUCH AN EVIL PERSON PUT UP A FRIENDSHIP?
Hey now...
YOU KNOW
WE'RE BUILDING A FRIENDSHIP HERE, SO CAN YOU GIVE US SOME SPACE?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM.
YES, I DO!
WHAT?!
ROAR
ROAR
THE OTHER DAY, HE WAS KILLED BY THE FIRST GOOMBA ON THE FIRST LEVEL OF MARIO!
EEEP!
HE LIKES WEARING A BELLY WARMER TO STAY WARM IN WINTER!
C-CUT IT OUT!
MOVE ON TO ROUND TWO!
YOU PROMISED YOU WOULDN'T TELL!
Pinkie pie promise
WHAT? FOR REAL?

SNAIL ATTACK
EEEEK!!
?
WAH!!
GET IT OFF ME!
Yaah
! WIN!
CLACK
NOW WHERE'S MY UMBRELLA?
AH...
...
IT'S AT HOME
It was raining the other day
HAH-CHAH.
It's a FRIEND!

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT UMBRELLA?
I BORROWED IT FROM HEIKA.
Entra
Her umbrella
Yeah
That's how we should all be.
He's so cool
WANT TO SHARE?
I WANT TO WATCH YOU PLAY MARIO.
AGH!
BUT FIRST

I HAVE JUST AS MUCH RIGHT AS YOU SO TO HAVE LUNCH WITH RAKU.
WHY THE HELL ARE YOU HERE?
3" 3"
800 + 800
SHEESH!
No way!
You can have this.
Why don't you sit much as you'll ever touch in the corner?
KATUYA MADE SOME NEW BEAN CAKES...
SO I BROUGHT SOME FOR RAKU.
What did you come here for?
I'M GETTING USED TO THIS...BUT IT STILL MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A THIRD WHEEL.

Yuu-kun!
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A WHILE, KOSUKE.
I GUESS I'LL GO GET MY TEA
HEY HINAMI, WHAT'S UP?
WHAT HELP. PEMEP TO THE OTHER HALL?
I CAME HERE WITH YUUKI.
HOLY CRAP!
Let me out!
Me too!
HEY!
WOW!
Don't scare me!

LUCKY MAN
THEY SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN.
WHY DON'T YOU GO PLAY WITH THEM?
I have attempt.

UH-OH. I BETTER GO.
I STILL HAVE TO REDO SOME HOMEWORK.
OKAY
HMM?
HMM?

HE WAS ON THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM, TOO.
Oh, that's right
There's a feather on you
WAIT, DO YOU KNOW HIM?
HE SAID HE HAS SOME HOME WORK TO DO.
WHERE DID HE GO?
That was fun!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
YOU CALL THAT A RIVAL!?
You're so cruel
I GUESS HE STILL SEES KOSUKE AS HIS RIVAL.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE INSTIGATES FIGHTS WITH HAM-CHAN.
A Wobbly Rival
A Rival in Love
Hmm...
A RIVAL...
HUMP
Well, who cares?

I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHY YOU ALWAYS ARGUE WITH HAM-CHAN.
BY ANY CHANCE
HEY HANE.
CHATTER
CHATTER
YES?
ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH...?
TAP
SO ARE YOU.
REALLY IN LOVE?
CAN YOU KEEP IT A SECRET?

...CHEERFUL, ENERGETIC, PASSIONATE ABOUT EVERYTHING...
HAS A BAD MOUTH AND IS DUMB, BUT ALSO KIND...
UM-HUM.
...AND WILL EAT ANYTHING, TOO.
?
BECAUSE
THE PERSON I LIKE IS SWEET
FOR SUCH A TINY BODY...
TINY?!
Where does it go?
UM.
ARE YOU...
TINY
...TALKING ABOUT HAM-CHAN?
La.D

HE'S REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT IT
OH, NO! SERIOUSLY DON'T TELL KOBUKI!
SWEET, ENERGETIC, PASSIONATE, EATS WELL, AND...
TINY
I'll wake you up when lunch is over
HM, CAN I HAVE SOME MEDICINE FOR A HEADACHE?
YOU HAVE A HEADACHE?
THERE'S A BED OPEN. WHY DON'T YOU LIE DOWN FOR A BIT?
MAYBE I WILL.
HANA-CHAN IS A SPECIAL FRIEND TO ME.

Don't get embarrassed
Blush
...YOUR HEART STARTS POUNDING?
SIMPLY STATED. YES
HE MUST BE REALLY INNOCENT
It's just a heartbeat
WHEN YOU HOLD HANDS LIKE THIS...
SINGLE.
ぎゅっ!
Thumping Throbs
HEY, HANDS DO YOU MEAN LOVE AS IN
WAS THAT...?
HMM...
What was that?
BUT, I WAS FINE WHEN KEIKA APPROACHED ME
IT'S NORMAL TO GET NERVOUS WHEN YOU'RE REALLY CLOSE TO SOMEONE, RIGHT?
That Day
Eye-Popping Violent Hug Experience
Thump!
Thump!

HUSH!
SOMEONE IS SLEEPING!
OOPS, SORRY!
SENSEI! CAN I HAVE A BAND-AID?
T-T
T_T
HAM-CHAN?
ARE YOU CUTTING CLASS?
NO, I WAS LYING DOWN BECAUSE I HAD A HEADACHE.
BUT I FEEL BETTER NOW SINCE I TOOK SOME MEDICINE.
IN THAT CASE.
..?
THAT VOICE!...
HEY IT'S YOU
HEY!
WHOMP
WOOHOOO!

WHY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'LL DRAG YOU OFF THIS SHIP!
WHOA! I'M SERIOUSLY GOING TO FALL!
You'd seem more Mean-and-Sweet if you stop!
NO, I'M NOT I BROKE MY KNEE.
Muwa-Ha Ha Ha Ha
THE BEP IS MINE!
YOU SWAM!
MAGAKO-SENSEI!
CLACK
The nurse's name
Good night!
Come on Sensei!
HMM, WHERE DID I PUT IT?
IS YOUR REPU-TATION LETTER READY?
SHH!
SHHH!

...
...
"WHEN YOU HOLD HANDS LIKE THIS."

WHAT HE'S THINKING
I WONDER
...
UH...
THIS IS
THE SPEAR
HAM-CHAN?
HEY..

HAM-CHAN?
THOSE MUST HAVE HURT

HAM-CHAN, YOU BETTER GO BACK TO CLASS.
WHAT I DON'T FEEL GOOD.
PING
DONG
FLUSH
NAH
I DON'T FEEL GOOD. I'M GOING TO STAY HERE.

I DON'T BLAME HIM.
"I DON'T FEEL GOOD."
BAM
OKAY
I CAN'T BELIEVE... ...myself
HANA?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK PALE.
HANA...
WAS your face like that?
I CAME TO CHECK ON YOU SINCE YOU HADN'T COME BACK YET
MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAY IN BED.
NO, I'LL GO BACK...
BUT

HEY! DON'T GO OUT THE WINDOW!
IT'S MY POLICY!
...
GO BACK TO CLASS!
I'M ALL RIGHT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE?
OKAY! I HEARD YOU!
FINE.
YOU HAVE TO TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT LATER! ♡
HMM.
MOON!

WHA...
WHAT'S WITH HIM!?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
He breathed on my ear.
WHAT THE HELL?! WHAT THE HELL??
CLICK-CLICK
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE SENSE OF ANYTHING FOR A WHILE NOW

I...
SAY IT AGAIN.
WHAT? I COULDN'T HEAR YOU.
UM, WELL...
UH, I THINK I...
YES? COME ON, YOU CAN TELL ME.

LOVE HAM-CHAN.
...HATE HAM!!

TOO HARD TO SAY!
HEY, HANHAM!
I'll think about it
WELL, CAN I ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR?
WHAT IS IT?
Don't just change my nickname
LOOK, RAKU! HONEY HAM!
HANE = HONEY
...
TADA
YOU'RE SO LUCKY!
YOU
THUMP
THUMP

YOU TWO ARE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS.
WHAT?!
OH, DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
MUSHI
MORON! GET REAL! WHO WOULD BE FRIENDS WITH HIM?!
You must be blind!
IT'S OKAY, RAKU.
HE'S ALWAYS GIVEN ME THE COLD SHOULDER.
HEY, DON'T SAY THAT IN FRONT OF HIM
RAH
RAH
HE'S BRAGGING ABOUT IT!!
SO I'VE BECOME A MASOCHIST!
THUMP
THUMP

THIS...
IS FOR RAKU
HEY!
HEY, KOSUKE!
Thanks!
LATER.
HE'S IN YOUR CLASS.
WHY ME?
NO GOOD, HUH?

CLINK
UM, HANE
IT'S ABOUT HANE-CHAN.

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED
HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT FOR A COUPLE WEEKS.
SIGH
WHO KNOWS?
I'll Send it For Sure.

I INITIALLY APPROACHED YOU SO I COULD INTERFERE WITH YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.
NONCHALANT

I'M SORRY
I KNEW HOW YOU FELT ABOUT HIM.
WHAT?
I KNEW HOW YOU FELT ABOUT HIM, TOO.

CONFUSED
Are you shocked?
AH HA HA, BUT I WAS TAKEN ABACK BY HOW OBLIVIOUS YOU WERE
HUH? WHAT THE HELL??
SO, DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.
WE'RE RIVALS FROM NOW ON.
IT DOESN'T MEAN I'LL QUIETLY STEP ASIDE, THOUGH.

No more cookies!
He's hard to catch.
THE HARDEST PART HAS BEEN NOT SEEING HIM.
BUT I WANT TO AT LEAST APOLOGIZE TO MAA-CHAN.

HOW DARE HE LAUGH?!
ACK
CRAP HE SAW ME
NO, IT'S NOTHING
?
...

HE LOOKED AWAY SO ANNOYABLY!
...IGNORE ME?!
HOW ...
STOMP
STOMP
SLUMP
DARE ME.
SHARK
IF THAT'S HOW HE FEELS.
I AVOIDED HIM FIRST
I CAN.
RUN!
RUN!

COOKIES!
STOMP STOMP STOMP
I'm gonna barf!
Hey, that's not funny!
SMACK SMACK SMACK
SMACK
HUH? THOSE ARE RAISINS.
NOW WE'RE EVEN!
BWA HA HA! THAT'LL TEACH HIM!
Achoo!
Too much raw cookie dough?

KEIKA!
YOU DORK!
DON'T SCRIBBLE ON MY TEXTBOOK!
Come on, it already had scribbles all over it!

I THINK SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME.
HAH!
WOW
GAKU ISN'T HERE.
I got called in for overtime guidance.
YOU'RE REALLY AGITATED
Ready For Wave!
HAHAHA!!
THAT'S AN EXTREME WAY TO COOL OFF

WELL, I'M PARTLY TO BLAME TOO
RAKU MADE THE SITUATION WORSE BY BEING NICE TO ME
SHOOT
HE'S IN A BAD MOOD AS EXPECTED
I PICKED THAT UP FROM RAKU
OH, SORRY
WELL THEN, TAKE CARE!
HAM-CHAN!
WAIT A MINUTE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET PISSED ABOUT IT
WHAT? DID YOU SAY?

YOU REALLY LOVE RAMU, DON'T YOU?
HELL NO!
I JUST DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT HE'S THINKING
WHAT?
ACTUALLY...
I WAS WISHING HE'D
SO...
...FEEL AS DESPERATE AS I DO
...AND IT'S FRUSTRATING ME
GRIP
IN THAT CASE,

HI, IKAKU!
WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
THE TEACHER IS WAITING FOR YOU IN HER OFFICE.
Meet in Your Life Career Guidance
WHAT KIND OF CAREER GUIDANCE WAS THAT?!
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UM, IS THERE ANY CHANCE I'M GOING TO GET SCOLDED, TOO?
I don't mind for you.
NO, BUT MORE UNCERTAINTLY...

HUH?
"NO CHANCE."
KOSUKE'S RESPONSE WAS...
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M GIVING UP ON HIM.
UH, I DON'T GET IT
DON'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME OR I'LL MAKE KOSUKE MINE
THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE
WHY AM I SUCH A NICE GUY?
Oh man.
Man

WE CAME TO A FESTIVAL TODAY
IT'S SUMMER BREAK ALREADY

I GOT ALL PSYCHED TO MAKE UP WITH HIM
I SEE. I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED.
I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS.
HANE GAVE ME A KICK IN THE BUTT, BUT THINGS ARE STILL AWKWARD BETWEEN HAN-CHAN AND ME.
NOPE.
WHAT? HAN-CHAN CAN'T MAKE IT?

HIS MOM IS IN THE HOSPITAL NOW

STORE
ATSUMI
"I'M NOT KIDD NII-"
Is that a new prank?
"HUH?" WHAT THE HELL? SHIT REAL?
HE WAS IN LOVE WITH ME?
DOES THAT MEAN...
THEN WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN?
I ASSUME? HE HATED ME BECAUSE OF THE WAY I ALWAYS ACTED
I DON'T GET IT

DING DONG
PIYOH
THAT'S WHAT LOVE IS
"IF THAT'S HOW HE FEELS..."
WHEN YOU CAN'T KEEP SOMEONE TO YOURSELF
YOU GET FRUSTRATED FROM A LACK OF CONTROL
THAT SCARED ME
YES?
OPEN THE DOOR!
HAN-CHAN?

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FESTIVAL?
I'M GLAD YOU SEEM OKAY
I HEARD YOUR MOM IS IN THE HOSPITAL.
IS SHE... ALL RIGHT?
SHE'S NOT IN THE HOSPITAL.
SHE'S ON VACATION!
HOSPITAL?
YEAH, KEIKA TOLD ME ABOUT IT
I'VE BEEN BUSY DOING STUFF AROUND THE HOUSE SINCE DAD WON'T DO ANY OF IT

PHEW!
THANK GOD!
PUH
KEIKA SHOULDN'T MAKE UP STORIES LIKE THAT!
THAT JERK!
YOU KNOW
THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T JOKE ABOUT

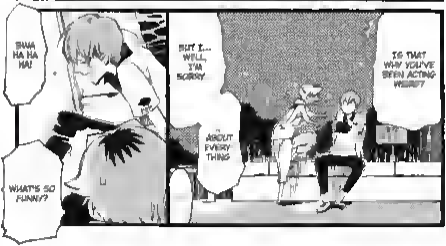
HMM.
WHAT!?
YAKI-SOBA...
NO FAIR! I WANT SOME, TOO!
WHAT?
I SMELL YAKISOBA
HUH?

Yuki-nee!
Yuki-nee!
Who cares! You're an adult! Figure it out yourself
What? About dinner?
Dad, I'm going out.
I JUST FOLLOWED HIM IN FROM OUTSIDE..
You aren't busy?
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY TO GO OUT?
TOTALLY FINE.
He should come through back sometime
SO TINY
I CAN'T BELIEVE THINGS WERE ANYWAY NOT TOO LONG AGO
I wonder why
SINCE WHEN D'D EVERYTHING

BECOME PRECIOUS TO ME?
UH, I THINK WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF MOVING HERE THIS TIME LAST YEAR.
YOU LIVED IN ANOTHER TOWN LAST SUMMER, RIGHT?
...
OH, YOU WERE
BY THE WAY...
WHAT THE HELL? JUST BECAUSE YOU HAD AN AMAZING GROWTH SPURT...?
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED!
I'M NOT THE SAME PERSON I WAS BEFORE.
AH HA HA. THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT

I WANTED TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU FOREVER...
BUT THAT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE.

WHAT?
...YOU'RE MOVING AGAIN?!
DON'T TELL ME...


IS THAT WHY YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD?
BUT I... WILL, I'M SORRY.
...ABOUT EVERY THING
HAHA HA HA!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

I LOVE YOU...
FOR BEING STRONG AND HONEST
...AND FOR BEING MY SUNSHINE
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T BE YOUR FRIEND ANYMORE.
BLINK!
...!
FLAP FLAP
バタバタ
FLAP FLAP
バタバタ
...

I KNOW THERE'S NO CHANCE.
I never'd be moving away
HA HA, I'M SORRY
UM...
WELL
UH, WAIT
HUH?

WHAT WAS THAT?!
WAHH!
ズュン
Thump

I'M NOT SURE IF I LOVE YOU OR HATE YOU.
SO...
YOU SEE...
I THOUGHT KISSING YOU MIGHT HELP ME FIGURE IT OUT!
ARE YOU SURE?

BUT I CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM HIM
BECAUSE I LOVE HIM
UH, YEAH.
I GET FRUSTRATED BECAUSE IT "HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IT."

STOMP STOMP
DAMN IT!
CRAP! CRAP!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M LATE ON MY FIRST DAY OF THE SEMESTER!
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KOMPA
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!!
HMMP! THIS MI LIKE SUZA VII.

WHAT'S THE DEAL?
What! It's real! Real blond hair!
WOW! WOW!
It's too bright!
I really need my sun-glasses.
I THOUGHT I SHOULD CALL IT QUITS.
HEY HAN-CHAN!
RAKU?!
Don't be silly, Mariya!
Ouch!
Cut me some slack!
I'M NOT CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY...
SINCE YOU UNDERSTAND

RAKU?!
Ha ha ha!
SO YOUR HAIR IS NATURALLY BLOND
AND YOU JUST WEARING CONTACTS, TOO.
Too perfect!
Yeah, yeah!
WHAT?
You look great! What happened?
Long time no see!
JUST ABOUT EVERYONE KNOWS.
YOUR MOM IS AMERICAN, RIGHT?
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING SINCE YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT
You could tell they were contacts if you looked closely
Yes, mom is American
Oh, fun!
It's your business, I didn't
Why didn't you tell us sooner?
NO WAY

UH, YEAH.
HAH-CHAH...
ARE YOU SURE?
I FEEL BAD...
I WAS SAVING BOOTS FOR PAYDAY! HE MAKES ME PAY FOR THINGS
ARE YOU DOING THAT... FOR VANITY?
YEOW!

NO.
I GUESS I DIDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE MYSELF CRAZY
AND IT TASTES LIKE BLOOD
THE SKY IS BLUE, SUMMER IS BRIGHT
DING
キーン
DONG
AND EVERYTHING MAKES US HAPPY!
There's the bell
See you
RIGHT NOW

I CAN'T REACH IT
ARGH.
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の法則
More of The Rule of Standing on Tiptoe

...
DON'T BE LAZY. GO AROUND AND GET IT
ALMOST
THERE...
HEY!
BUT IT'S HARD TO GET THERE!
HEY! HEY!

I HEARD YOU GUYS USED TO COME HERE OFTEN.
YEAH.
You're bad at all sports, huh?
!!!!
ARE THESE YOURS?
YEAH, THANKS!
I didn't realize falling is a forbidden word
TRUE
BUT NOT SINCE WE STARTED HIGH SCHOOL
WE'RE TOO BUSY WITH EXAMS.
Yeah, I feel more comfortable with brown hair.
You changed your hair color back?
IT'S AUTUMN ALREADY
OUCH!
NOTHING HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THAT DAY
Ice cream! How nostalgic! Kazuya, I really scared
THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN VERY ROMANTIC
...SO I INVITED HIM ON A DATE.

HOW DID IT END UP LIKE THIS?
Watch out!
WHOOSH
YOO-HOO!
RAKU!
I'M SO JEALOUS
STOP CLINGING TO THE WALL.
I look away
YOU WON'T LEARN TO SKATE UNLESS YOU TRY IT
WAOA! WAIT A MINUTE!

SEE YA LATER!
Goes in the other direction.
They're lucky.
THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS GOES.
THIS IS THE PART THAT MAKES ME SAD
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN WALK AROUND HOLDING HANDS
WE'RE STILL NOTHING MORE THAN FRIENDS

IT AMAZES ME THAT I CAN EVEN CONSIDER THOSE THINGS NOW
WHAT ABOUT ME?
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYTHING HE WANTS TO DO WITH ME?
KISS HIM?
HOLD HANDS?
HUG HIM

Pfft
Pfft
Pfft

ARE YOU GOING TO CATCH THE NEXT TRAIN?
Hey, don't look!
Wow Your face is all red!
Your face is red too!
THEN YOU SHOULD STAY AT MY PLACE TONIGHT
There's no school tomorrow
I CAN'T GET HOME IF I MISS IT
STAY OVER-NIGHT?
I DON'T HAVE ANY SHADY INTENTIONS!
DON'T SAY THAT OUT LOUD!
but because there aren't many people around
...

FHI!
KYAH!
KYAH! OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD!
YOU'RE NOT...
—INTER-ESTED ARE YOU?

I AM.

WHAT? BUT...
YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO BE INTERESTED IN IT ANYWAY
LINE TWO! TRAIN IS ARRIVING
PLEASE STAND BEHIND THE WHITE LINE.
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "IT"?
I MEAN...
UH...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
UH...
TRUMP TRUMP TRUMP TRUMP TRUMP TRUMP TRUMP TRUMP
OF COURSE
...I AM.
I WAS HESITANT ABOUT SUDDENLY BECOMING YOUR BOYFRIEND!
I'm inexperienced!
NO WAY!
You didn't seem like you were

LIKE FIGENS
POW
BLARE
WHOA!
AH
WHOOSH

UM, SEE YA LATER!
WAIT A MINUTE!
BUT
WHY? I NEED TO GO.
YOU'RE ALMOST IN REACH
HAM-CHAN!
YOU FORGOT SOMETHING!
WHAT?

Haa!

AH! UM!
DON'T
...JUST BECAUSE NO ONE IS AROUND...
?
HEY MAKU?
I'VE...
...ALWAYS LOVED YOU.
HUH?
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD LOVE YOU ANY MORE, BUT...
HEY TAKE IT EASY!
THIS IS AMAZING!

COME ON
ONE MORE TIME!
I CAN'T HELP MYSELF!
ARE YOU AN ANIMAL?!
WHACK
DID YOUR TRAIN LEAVE?
DAMN IT!
You really are lame!
HEY!
Colonel Vivace
ARE THESE YOUR TRUE COLORS?!
"..."
"YOU SHOULD STAY AT MY PLACE TONIGHT!"

ARE YOU SURE?
WELL...
...WE CAN'T GO BACK NOW.
AHA!
I KNOW.

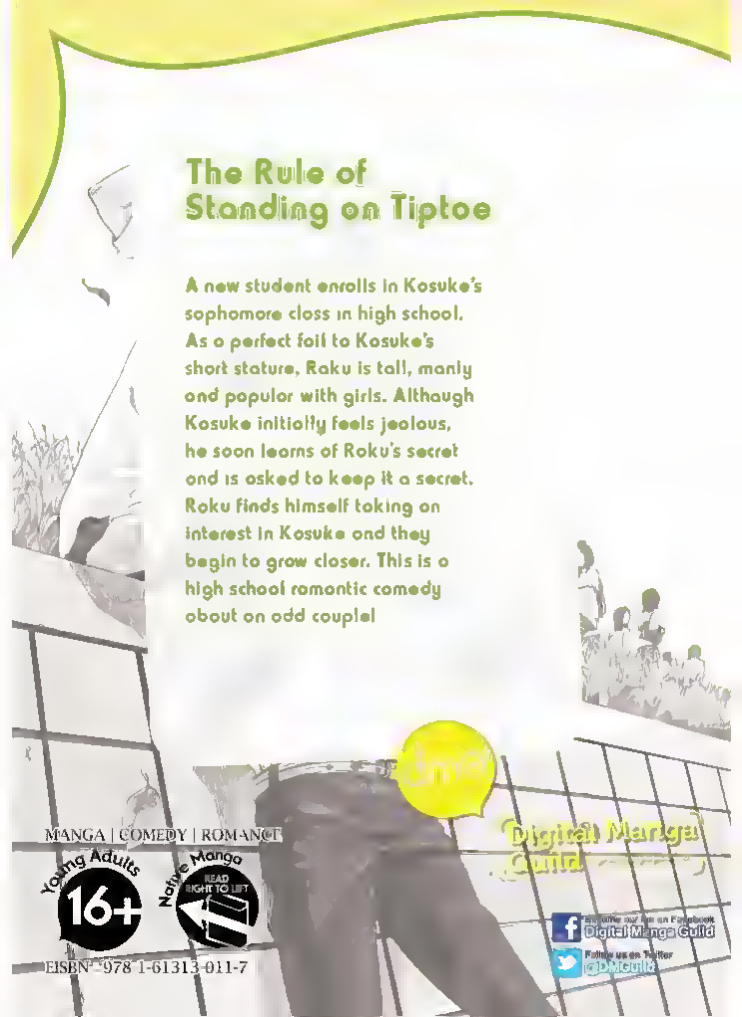
HEH HEH.
WHAT?
I'VE WANTED TO DO THIS FOR A WHILE.
Lucky boy.
Shared a room with his older sister until recently
HEY, I'VE NEVER BEEN TO YOUR PLACE BEFORE.
Hmph.
Don't be nervous.
OH, YEAH.
IT'S JUST ME AND MY PARENTS.
SO YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD YOUR OWN ROOM?
YEAH.
PAH

WHAT I'M THINKING THROUGH MY HAND!
IT'S EMBARRASSING
WELL...
I'M...
?
..WORRIED YOU MIGHT SPEND..
ABOUT TONIGHT
...OF COURSE.
WELL...
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
COME ON, TELL ME!

ぶん ぶん
SHAKE
SHAKE
Oh!
ぶん ぶん
SHAKE
SHAKE
BLUSH
Let me go!
WE CAN'T TURN BACK ONCE WE REACH IT
THAT'S THE RULE OF STANDING ON TIPTOE.
Nope
WOW, YOU'VE GOT A DIRTY MIND!
EEK! LET GO OF ME!

The Rule of Standing on Tiptoe

A new student enrolls in Kosuke's sophomore class in high school. As a perfect foil to Kosuke's short stature, Raku is tall, manly and popular with girls. Although Kosuke initially feels jealous, he soon learns of Raku's secret and is asked to keep it a secret. Raku finds himself taking an interest in Kosuke and they begin to grow closer. This is a high school romantic comedy about an odd couple!



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